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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that William Daniels, 28, of Montello, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 21 months in prison for bank fraud. Daniels pleaded guilty to the offense on May 11, 2007.

When his computer business began to fail, Daniels wrote checks to his business on a closed personal bank account to temporarily inflate the balance in the business's bank account. Then, Daniels withdrew the money from the business's bank account before the checks from the closed personal account could be refused for payment. Daniels was ordered to pay \$15,272 in restitution to the bank he defrauded.

The charges against Daniels were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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